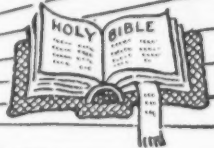




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MATT. 28:19.

The Church of God Evangelist



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GOD'S LOVE

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY of THE CHURCH OF GOD

To be held at the
Memorial Auditorium

Chattanooga, Tennessee

September 1-6

The Assembly Committee has unanimously decided that the Memorial Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be the place of the 37th Annual International General Assembly of the Church of God. Many problems present themselves during these perilous times. Last year the Assembly was greatly hindered because of the epidemic of poliomyelitis. Let us pray that God's will may be done relative to the Assembly this year.

The meetings of the various boards and the Bishops' Council will be announced later.

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

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March 7, 1942

NOTICES

I am open for revivals. Anyone desiring a revival may get in touch with me.—Eleanor Verrico Lutz, c/o Rev. Frank Petruccelli, 35 Sikes Ave., Wadesboro, N. C.

Changes of address of ministers and workers:

Percy W. Herman—Old: Box 583, Greenville, Miss. New: Brushy Run, W. Va.

District Conventions

Sulphur Springs, Tex., district convention, March 13-15, at the Cherry Hill church, Mt. Vernon, Tex. O. A. McBride, district pastor.

Northwest Bible and Music Academy To Have Commencement

The Northwest Bible and Music Academy will hold its commencement exercises during the week end of March 20-22. The baccalaureate service will be held on the evening of Sunday, March 15. Class Night will be on Friday evening, March 20, and commencement service will be held Sunday morning, March 22.

Rev. J. H. Walker will be with us during the closing exercises and will deliver the commencement address to the seniors of 1941-42. All who can come are

I Truly Praise Him

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Dear Saints, please pray for my brother who came back to the Lord Sunday night. The Lord was so real and I truly praise Him for hearing and answering prayer. You know if we expect God to answer our prayers we should keep our hearts always in the attitude of prayer, watching for the answer. Keep praying until it comes. Praise His holy name.

Too, I thank God for the prayers that were sent up for me. I know someone really prayed the prayer of faith for the burden is gone and I feel good in my soul.—Mrs. L. C. Henderson, 610 E. Wright St.

Revival Report

PELL CITY, Ala.—We surely praise the Lord for the way He blessed here at the Church of God. We closed a three weeks' revival and the Lord really blessed in the services. There were more than twenty-five experiences. Brother Brasher was the evangelist. We appreciate our pastor and his family, Brother and Sister People. Pray lots for us, especially our young people. God is blessing every meeting.—Sister Carreker.

invited to be present for these exercises.—Henrietta Sanders, secretary.

Correction

In the February 21 issue of the Evangel we carried an ad on page 16, "Bible Entertainment," in which we advertised several Bible quiz books. We stated that any of these books could be had for 50c each or all five for \$1.25. The price for the five should have been \$2.25 instead of \$1.25.

Enjoying Salvation in the Church of God

I thank God for His wonderful salvation for mankind and for showing me the Church of God to enjoy it in. I preached in other bodies for about sixteen years, but three years ago I came to Florida and met Rev. G. C. Hamby. I visited his church and there was so much love shown there it made me hungrier for the Church of God than ever, so I joined the Church of God at Tampa, Fla. I feel that God has taken me and set me right in everything to make life better for me.—H. W. Ragan, Rt. 5, Box 709, Sulphur Springs, Fla.

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Assistant General Overseer Visits With Duke of Windsor

Great Progress Made in the Bahama Islands



REV. Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer, has recently returned from a trip to the Bahama Islands. This was his first experience in representing the Church of God in another country as a general official. Brother Paulk was met in Miami, Florida, by the pastor of the church there, Rev. O. C. Crank, who accompanied him on his trip to Nassau, the capital of the British-owned Bahama Islands. The passage was made by way of Pan-American Airways and the trip over the water was pleasant though uneventful. Their plane was met by Rev. W. E. Raney, overseer of the Bahama Islands, and they were soon ushered through the streets of the little city of Nassau to the East Street church where the convention was in progress. Here hundreds of enthusiastic and ardent worshipers had gathered from faraway islands, many of them coming at a great sacrifice and in small boats. One group coming from Eleuthera Island were shipwrecked just before they reached the port of Nassau. A violent wind drove their ship on the rocks. Only one lifeboat was available and it in turn was washed on the rocks and wrecked. Three of the delegates who had foregone so much to attend the annual convention in Nassau were drowned. Though the death bells saddened the other delegates it did not stop the convention and detract from its spiritual progress. Assistant General Overseer

cial speaker of the convention. His dynamic personality and machine-gun flow of oratory held the delegates spellbound. Large crowds of unconverted visitors sat tensely under conviction until the altar calls were made when they filled it to its capacity and a great many prayed through to victory.

Rev. W. V. Eneas, pastor of the host church, who has been in the employ of the British government for many years, was instrumental in arranging for Brother Paulk to have an interview with His Excellency the Governor, the Duke of Windsor. This arrangement was no easy task for hundreds from all walks of life and from different countries have sought an interview and but few have been accorded that privilege. On Saturday, Jan. 10, in company with Brother Eneas and Brother Crank, Brother Paulk was admitted for an interview with His Royal Highness. A short discussion followed of topics of collaboration between the British and United States governments, the activities of different state and national characters with whom Brother Paulk was personally acquainted and finally concerning the Church of God and its activities in the Bahama Islands. The Governor seemed greatly interested in the Church and its activities among his subjects. He asked many questions relative to its theology as compared with other Protestant organizations. He expressed sincere admiration for the Church and its work among the island people. Mention was made of Her Grace the Duchess and the Governor expressed that he was very sorry she could not be present at the interview. According to Brother Paulk, she is a tireless worker among the natives, having established hospitals and clinics among the islanders which have greatly helped social and physical conditions. The Duke and Duchess have greatly endeared themselves to the natives of the Bahamas, who seem to feel toward him as if he were their king.

The interview of Brother Paulk with His Excellency the Governor has been considered a great achievement for the Church, for better working conditions exist when there is an understanding between the authorities of the Church and

The Church of God was established in the Bahama Islands in the year 1910 by Rev. R. M. Evans, a retired Methodist minister who had come into the

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In Washington THERE is possibly not a city in the world undergoing greater changes than the city of Washington. In recent months great changes in buildings and the construction of temporary buildings have been in progress in a great adjustment to meet the defense needs. Young people have been pouring into the city of Washington at the rate of about three thousand a month, and all of these must be somehow housed and oriented into our great capital city. Not only has adjustment had to be made to take care of these but there are now something like ninety thousand soldiers in camps about the District of Columbia and something had to be done to take care of that situation.

It is said by Elmer Rogers that the churches of the District have lent a willing ear to the plea of these newcomers and have established recreational facilities, sleeping quarters, and also helped in kitchen equipment and buildings which fit into the program of civilian defense. The churches are also doing their part in trying to maintain morale and settle the new people in the city. During the month of February the National Preaching Mission swept the whole town, drawing religious leaders from every part of the world to consider the problems of religion in this day of difficulties. There has also been many changes in church life. Many of the pastors of nominal churches have resigned. Church doors have been closed and congregations combined, all in the busy order of making the change to meet conditions.

But the people who read these pages will be interested in what the Church of God is doing while this great panorama of changing scenes is taking place. A report comes from the Church of God meeting place on the corner of Sixth and Elm Streets where a store building with nice apartments above was purchased several years ago. Here the Church of God has been shipping for the past few years a membership and financial strength.

young people who are going to Washington, some are Church of God members or are believers in the doctrine that the Church of God teaches. These find their way to the church and soon put their shoulders to the wheel and begin to work. Rev. W. H. Horton, pastor of the Church of God in Washington, writes:

"Last Sunday our building was filled to its capacity. The power of God is falling and God is blessing in a wonderful way."

The church has purchased a new building in Washington, a beautiful church in a nice residential section and is now being completely refinished. As soon as it can be made ready the church will move in and an announcement will be made in the columns of this paper, giving the address, so that visitors in the capital city will know where to attend the Church of God services. The way the young people of the church in Washington are working is marvelous and their accomplishment far beyond expectation. In view of what they have done in the past, one dares not place a limit on future accomplishments. From all that can be found out from the officials of the church in Washington, there awaits a warm welcome for all who desire religious truths and fellowship.

The Revival Spirit

THE CROSS

'Neath God's domed sky
Uplifted high—
Hung the Savior.
Enveiled in gloom—
Upon that cross—His Son!
Then—"Father, forgive them,"
Rose His cry from that doom.

Indifferent now the world wags on—
A mystery still that Son—is pangs—
The reason—need—o'er His brotherhood achieved—
His unifying, welding into oneness all men—
Sublime heaven equality—plan of God—
All—with heart and soul unity—like to that above
Permeating men's souls—a miraculous life of love.

A phantom now
Haunts Calvary's hill;
It insisting still—
"Forgive—forgive!"
Equality I brought—
So all might live.

For—but a mockery now of holy brotherhood is seen
The church—His church—her creeds—are a confusing dream.
Spirit divine dispel that enclouding mist—
Revealing to all Thy majestic meaning for—

The CROSS!

—By George Bray.

that revival meetings have drifted into a profession for personal gains, and have even dared to brand some of them as rackets. But now they realize that in the passing of revivals from their churches, their churches have become dead and formal, void of that something that causes them to grow and prosper and have a spiritual influence.

It is said that men like Charles G. Finney and Dwight Moody wielded the power of presidents in their day. Men of their kind did a great deal in shaping the course of America and have been a great credit to Christianity. It is said that others thought to imitate these great evangelists for their own benefit and as a reaction the pendulum swung to the other extreme. But the great Pentecostal revival which has for thirty years been shaking the world, and the revival spirit, though Moody revivals, is not

...A Word of Warning...

I am sure most of the Evangel readers are familiar with this story about how God gave Joseph wisdom to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, how he was made governor of Egypt, and how he organized a plan by which food and provisions of all kinds were stored away during the seven years of plenty, by which life was preserved through the seven years of famine which followed.

During this war time in the U. S. A. we are having, and doubtless will have, huge sums of money in circulation, with plenty of work for everybody and real good wages. And God be praised if it does not last over seven years. Judging the future by the past we predict that if Jesus tarries and this war comes to an end and finds us still living here, we will see a time of famine and "depression" such as America has never witnessed before. And that depression might last longer than seven years. Since we are serving the God of Joseph and since God has put His approval on the Church of God, is it not extremely urgent that we all cry unto God and seek Him as never before for guidance, *and that we wake up and do something about it?*

At the close of the war we might have tens of thousands of war orphans. Therefore, let us send in more than pennies and soap coupons and build a strong orphanage and be ready on that line. At the close of the war there might be doors of opportunity opened to the gospel such as the world has never seen before. We know that all the "isms" will fail, and maybe they will fail in time for us to get a few more thousand souls redeemed before the Lord comes. Therefore, let us work at the job of raising MISSION MONEY as never before. Please don't think that because our mission work in some places is now being hindered that it will always be this way. Let us gather up some of the big money that is being made, wasted, thrown away and blown in, pile it into our good Church of God Headquarters so we will be ready.

It is according to human nature for people to spend "big money" when they make "big money." But we can't follow the human nature and please God. Therefore, *now* is the time for us to cut out the *nonessentials* and save our means. We all have already lived in luxury too long for our good. Don't cook more than the family needs to eat. If there is something left over, save every bit of it and warm it over for the next meal. Only buy the groceries that will go the farthest and do the most good. Get out the old clothes, clean them, patch and press them. One of our old suits and dress

B. L. HICKS

"And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke and, behold, it was a dream." Gen. 41:5-7.

"Behold there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land." Gen. 41:29, 30.



now will look better and be better than the new ones two years from now. With the wages that many of our people are now making, the average family should and could save \$100.00 a month (besides their tithes and offerings). With something saved, we shall be prepared to help ourselves and others when the hard times set in. A word of warning: *"Make hay while the sun shines!"* Are you listening?

Also, now is the best time to build new church houses, repair old ones, build new parsonages and furnish them. Now is the best time for W. W. B's to work. Now is the best time to have revivals, more and bigger revivals, and get the spirituality of the Church up to a high

depression begins. Perhaps God has to send a "depression" on some people to wake them up and cause them to do right. But it should not be so. We all should get busy and do the right things without having to be driven into them.

Last but not least. We are citizens of the best nation on the earth. Therefore, we all should pray for the leaders of our government at Washington and save every dime we possibly can and buy defense stamps and bonds. Then it is our duty to pray for God to bless and protect our American men and boys who are having to go to the battle front. God help us to get them all saved before they leave home. Amen.

California Evangelist Scores

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—We have just closed the best revival that the Church of God at Tarpon Springs has had in many years.

On January 4 Brother I. L. Benge, of Los Angeles, Calif., opened fire on the devil, assisted by the pastor, Brother H. L. Sorrow. It seemed that God chose this occasion to answer the many prayers that have gone up from time to time. There was a freedom of spirit from the first of the meeting, and despite the fact that colds and flu were prevalent the members attended well and the spiritual tide was high. At times the Holy Ghost took control and the evangelist was unable to preach. Souls began to go through on all lines. Quite a number were saved and reclaimed, including some of mature age whom, we believe, will make tall timber for the church. About seven received the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water, eighteen added to the church, making a total of twenty-five additions since the General Assembly.

Brother Benge is a clean, straight preacher and on several occasions seemed to possess an unusual degree of discernment. He spends much time in prayer and one occasion prayed through the entire night.

The music and singing were ably presided over by Sister Sorrow, which added much to the revival. Our young people were revived and given a new touch of fire and we are expecting a lively Y. P. E.

It is needless to say we love and appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Sorrow. Surely the influence of this revival will last till Jesus comes. —R. F. Pent, 515 Pent St.

Telling what we ought to tell to whom we ought to tell it and to no other, is an art that few have learned and fewer

Should a Minister Work?

LOUISE VAN METER

We have often heard people make the remark, "I have to work hard for my living, and the preacher is going to do the same if he wants to get along." Others ask should a minister work.

Yes, a preacher will never be a success till he does work, but not the way some people labor. I believe the preacher who is really out for the cause of Christ has harder work than any of our common laborers. I think of our good pastor. He labors long hours with little pay; goes at any hour, into any home, where he can be a blessing. He smiles at all times, even though his heart be crushed within him. He has kind words and a smile for any who would heap harsh words upon him, and is a spiritual companion of both young and old. We will use him as our type of God-called preachers. I am confident we have many of this type in the Church of God.

A minister has a job that should support several assistants but does well to keep one alive. While the frivolous members are in good health and in high spirits the pastor is the least of their thoughts; but in sickness or trouble, he is the first one summoned. A true minister is a desired citizen of any community because of the great help he can be.

A minister should be respected because of the honor God has bestowed upon him. He is our spiritual leader and in his hands Christ committed His earthly Church.

1 Cor. 9:16, "Though I preach the gospel, I have nothing whereof to glory; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." Paul accepted his calling as a necessity and divine calling. Many critics of our day think that it is just man wanting to preach to earn an easy living. If you, dear critic, could understand the necessity of doing what one is called to do, you would hastily change your mind.

The crossroads confronting so many ministers is that of giving up a job with a good salary, or answering God's call, living by faith and maybe a meager wage. I believe that the man or woman who has the call to the ministry and will renounce the money-calling, and take up the cross, will have a larger reward and harvest than he who tries to balance a worldly job in one hand and God's work in the other. It is not the one who obeys because he has to that will receive a greater reward, but the one who consecrates his soul and strength to this great work.

Many ministers have a desire

loose from the carnal labor, but due to a selfish wife or parasitic children will not. The hindrances of this life will certainly not be of any help at the judgment bar of God. One has said, "I can trust the Lord for myself, but it is the idea of my children suffering that I can't stand." The Lord said He would supply the needs. If we will trust and prove Him, He will not fail us. Even if it does mean suffering some, you and yours are no better than others who have suffered for the sake of spreading the gospel.

It is a sad thing for a minister to try to hold down preaching and manual labor. Many will suffer hardships in order to preach holiness. Although they don't get a weekly pay check here their endorsement is written in agony-wrung blood in heaven.

For a preacher to work at a small two-bit job all week and then to deliver a sermon on Sunday is lowering the high call of his ministry. Yes, it is heart-breaking to think of a preacher working at carnal labor when God has provided a way for the members to do their share in supporting him.

If every church member would pay his tithes and offerings as God commanded, there would be more spiritual growth in churches, as the ministers could then give full time to the spreading of God's Word. Some of the biggest shouters are the ones who are letting down on this. Praise God, it isn't the noise that convinces, but the obedience to God's words and commandments.

Some hypocrites try to scuttle out from that part of church responsibility by saying, "The preacher doesn't spend the money right." Beloved, that doesn't excuse you one bit. It is your duty to pay the tithes and theirs and God's business how they are spent. When you pay a furniture or store bill, you don't feel it your responsibility as to what they do with the money; neither is it yours to worry over how the preacher spends his.

I have reasons to doubt in my mind as to whether one who has let down on this would even be qualified for inheritance of heaven. Remember, it is not the one who says, Lord, Lord, that will enter into heaven, but the one who does the will of the Father. When you keep back God's tithes you don't realize what harm you are doing. You just might as well say, "I don't care what happens to the preacher, or our church; I don't care how many souls perish that could have been saved."

Yes, we will have to give an account for robbing just the same as murder. Anyone who has the light on tithing is a spiritual robber if he does not pay tithes. A person who can but won't pay tithes should be ashamed to ask anything of God when He is so good as to give you health and work that you can earn an income then for you to try to cheat Him out of what rightfully belongs to Him.

God help our members to do their part, that more churches can be organized and more souls added to Thy Kingdom, through their faithfulness in paying their debt to you, that the preachers can spend their time in Thy labor.

Revival

We are glad to report a great five weeks' revival here in Eldorado, conducted by Evangelist Lawrence Gibson, one of our home boys. It was said by many to be the best revival for this church in twelve years. In spite of other revivals going on in town, we had good crowds and all attending seemed to get blessed and encouraged to go on. There were thirty-one saved, twenty sanctified and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. Since the closing one other got sanctified and received the Holy Ghost and seven came into the church. This is a large church with a badly scattered membership but we are getting on good and expect to go over the top with our church program.

To all of our membership living elsewhere: Let us hear from you at once with at least one dollar for missions. This means all ministers whose membership is here. Let us hear from you. You preach loyalty and here is a good chance to prove you mean it.—J. A. Muncy, pastor, Eldorado, Illinois.

A New Church in Washington

Brother John Douglas, our Washington state overseer, visited through the Northwest district this week and a Church of God was set in order in Mt. Vernon with seventeen members. Services are to be held temporarily in Carpenters Hall. A building fund has been started. Pray for the work in Mt. Vernon.—Melvin Nokleby, clerk, 147 Cedar St., Mt. Vernon, Washington.

ARANSAS PASS, Tex.—We certainly thank the Lord for His many blessings. Aransas Pass, Tex., has gone over one hundred per cent, for which we thank the Lord. We count it an honor to be pastor of these real Church of God people. It is through their cooperation that our church is over the top with our quotas.—Pastor, Curtis Drake, and wife.

No soul can ever run over with God's love when there is nothing running into

Foreign Missions

From Cojutepeque, El Salvador, Central America

My dear Brother Walker and all the Saints in Christ Jesus Everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Well, we are very happy to send a small report of our work and especially of our convention of November 22-24, held in El Congo where we have built our new central church. We were looking for Brother Walker as our guest of honor but as he was busy in another front of this battle of ours, he sent his chief field officer, J. H. Ingram, into the fray here in his stead, and the way he wielded the two-edged sword in our midst made us think that indeed he was a great warrior for Jesus. Praise God. And we feel this morning like the warriors of David felt when they heard the rustling of the leaves overhead, we feel like going forward. We didn't shout so loud as to make the walls fall down, but we did do some shouting as wave after wave of the heavenly glory came over us. Praise His wonderful name for ever. The Lord filled the new church with hungry hearts the first night, and the second night He ran it over into the street and all around the building. That is just like our God, isn't it? Praise His wonderful name. Everything worked out fine but my program and I just discarded it when I saw that the third person of the Trinity had a better one arranged. Praise God.

The first evening, Nov. 22, Brother Ingram, between shouting spells, gave us some real food for our souls. Sunday morning the service was conducted by Brother Mebius and the saints here as we had a two-hour drive to go home for the night, then two hours to return, so gave the saints the forenoon to themselves. From the report they had a glorious time of it. In the afternoon Sister Carrie Furman gave a wonderful message on Elisha getting his second portion, or should I say double portion. Well, before it was over three precious souls got their double portion, too, so the good fight continued. Brother Furman followed in the evening with another heaven-sent message, also Brother Ingram spoke again in the evening. That night it was necessary for many to return on account of coffee-cutting time but Monday was another day for those that were left. There was a business session in the afternoon.

another message from Brother Ingram to the workers, then in the evening a good message from Brother Ingram and farewells from all. The church was nearly full even though so many had to go home to begin work Monday.

Praise God for His rich blessings to us here, and in the meeting there were many expressions of thanks for the goodness of the brethren in the United States for their gift to the brethren in El Salvador. We thank you all for this wonderful gift to us here and may the blessings of Father, Son and Holy Ghost be shed upon all of you there. I wish you could all have been here to hear these saints shout the praises of the Lord. You would have felt rewarded for all you have done for this field.

Our visitors remained with us over the Thanksgiving time and we had a grand time eating turkey and telling of the goodness of the Lord to us, and giving thanks for the things that we do not have, most particularly that we did not have to be looking up for bombs to fall on us, that we did not have a demon ruling over us, like others have, and many other horrors of the war. How we do thank our Father for His watchful care over His own. Tears dropped down freely this morning as our Brother Ingram left with the Furmans. But what would you have done after such a wonderful time?—H. S. Syverson, overseer of Central America.

The Isle of St. Vincent

Some good news from St. Vincent, B. W. I. A letter from Sister Priam reads as follows:

"Dear Rev. Winter, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I take this opportunity to write you these few lines for the second time from Chateblair. I thank God for Jesus and His saving power, and also for your help. I began work here on August 2 and I have been doing my best ever since. We have now a wonderful Sunday school at Fitzhugs with forty-seven present last Sunday, and here at Chateblair fifty-one. During the last three months twenty-seven seekers have come to the Lord seeking salvation.

"Nine of us went to Biabou to the missionary meeting there the last Sunday in October. We had a wonderful day . . . Dear ones, pray for the work here in St. Vincent. I am sure that God will reward you for your faithfulness.

Bermuda Reports

Sister Meta Barrow, of Bermuda, writes:

"Around here at Christmas time the majority of people were down with dengue fever, and almost every child on the island with measles. We were kept in a constant rush day and night from one to the other. Most of the children are up now, but the fever is still raging. God has been very gracious; so up till now I am still on my feet, for which I am thankful. I am glad that I can minister to these that are down. Only yesterday I had to go to another funeral.

"The Lord is still blessing and saving. Up until this writing twenty-seven souls have been brought out of darkness into this glorious light of God, many sanctified, and one filled. There is a great change here on the island, but all things are still working together for those that love the Lord.

"Please pray for Brother Bean, the pastor here. He tells me that his sight is almost gone. I am going to do my best by the grace of God and help lift fallen humanity by the spreading of this glorious gospel. May I now wish you a year of victory along every line and blessing abundantly from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Sincerely, M. Barrow.

Central District Quarterly Meeting In Barbados

Sunday, February 1, proved to be a wonderful day with God for those who had the privilege of attending this meeting. God's presence and power was with us in a most wonderful way from the very beginning. At 8:00 a. m. a large crowd gathered on the beach at the home of Mother Chandler, to witness twenty-two believers follow their Lord in water baptism. At 10:30 service began at the Fitz Village church, and the half hour of praise and prayer was most inspiring and helpful. Good reports from the assemblies represented showed that thirty-five seeking salvation had come forward in our meetings. After this we had short, helpful messages on the soon coming of Christ. This proved such real soul food that the meeting ran on till three-thirty, being followed by the receiving into fellowship the twenty-two believers who, in the morning, had been baptized. We are looking for this to be a year of real

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My Sermonette

FLORENCE SCHUMAKER

"It is finished!" John 19:30.

What a triumphal cry. What a marvelous statement. "Finished!" the work of God. "Finished," for the whole world, yesterday, today, and forever. Nothing more to be done by Him for us, so far as our redemption is concerned. We get down and beg and cry for the Lord to save our immortal souls, but, beloved, He did save your soul and mine nearly 2,000 years ago. His side of it is "finished." What more can He do than He has done? It is all up to you now. Do you believe? Do you take this "finished" salvation for yourself? Can you realize that it is an entirely one-sided act on your part? For what are you waiting? Finished, finished, finished! Have you comprehended it? Is it too hard for you? Ah, its very simplicity makes it hard. You are looking for what? You know not.

Do you want salvation? Then take it in the name of Jesus your blessed Savior, look up, and say, "Thank you. Thank you for saving my soul 2,000 years ago." He did it then, yes, He did. He can't do another thing now. Only believe and praise Him for His marvelous salvation. You have tried it before? That is just the trouble. Yield all to Him, and He will do the trying to make work out of the simplest thing in the world. He did the work and it is a finished work. Praise His name. Only believe.

Someone sends you a gift in the mail. You don't know what it is because you don't open it. It is yours but you can't use it because it is tied up. You say that would be foolish. Yes, but how tremendously more foolish do we treat the gift of salvation. God has sent it to us but we must take it and use it for our own else it will be as useless as if it hadn't been sent to us. Have you taken all the strings off that you might behold it in all its pricelessness? Rugged Calvary, bearing the form of the dying Son of God! Blood, His blood dripping down because we wounded Him! Oh praise His name forever for shedding His life's blood, that we might be washed in its life-giving flow. "Are you washed, are you washed, are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?" Beloved, if not, why not? The fountain has been opened to the house of David. Step in and be cleansed today. You must make the initial move. He made His. Your foot is raised. Oh hallelujah! Put it down, raise the other, and run, yea, run unto the ark of safety before it is too late and God has shut the door.

Today if you will hear His voice, it is finished for you.

*It is finished, what a cry;
For your sins He had to die,
That salvation be brought nigh.
Fly to Jesus, sinner, fly.*

NAZARETH

BY MABEL R. MADDEFORD

"He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth," Matt. 2:23.

Little city of Nazareth! nestling 'mong the hills. Softer breezes ne'er sang a sweeter song than is tuned in Nazareth. Sun shafts of sunshine never warmed more sacred earth; birds thrilling warbles of love from bursting tiny throats.

Rocks! love-kist by tender boyish feet of the Son of God. No stone would bruise those beloved feet where bluebells and tiny forget-me-nots spring up where the grass has parted for His steps.

Stone walls in Nazareth covered with clinging moss to hallow the sacred spot where leaning resting arms of a young God had tarried for a pause!

Water rises with a gush, a gurgle, and a sparkle to meet the jar lowered from the strong shoulder of the lad.

Butterflies resting for a moment from tired flight choose a bright head for a resting place, and grey and dull moths change to a rainbow of color.

Fretting babies on hot days are soothed to happy laughter as the hand of the Son rests for a moment on a fevered brow.

Trees blossom and fruit ripens to bursting when His footsteps tread 'neath a tree.

A weary, tired Mary lifts her bended body from a task and weariness vanishes as a cloud as her eyes rest on the face of her boy.

Mongrels of the street, ferocious animals, lamb-killing dogs follow at His feet, and as He sits they rest quietly and still in His quietness and stillness.

Little city of Nazareth! nestling in the hollows of sunshine from His radiance. Sacred ever are your olive slopes, rough hillsides, stony brooks and rugged paths; for on all, and in all, are the everlasting eternal footprints of the young Son of God who trod those happy childhood days away but those same footprints led to and ended on Golgotha.

Little city of Nazareth! His smile still covers your sunny slopes, still sends shafts of sunshine into sunny lives. May it shine for ever!

Through faith a Christian is made.
Through living a Christian is proven.
Through trials a Christian is confirmed.
In death a Christian is glorified.

Delkograms

D. H. DELK

Vanity, or the Empty Peanut

Eccl. 2:1-11.

Vanity is not altogether foolish pride, but it is laboring for and trusting in temporal things. If you were to see anyone grabbing into the air and looking into his hand with a disappointed look, immediately you would think he was nutty, or an idiot. Well, millions are doing just that, pursuing the wind. Man is the only creation of God that is guilty of pursuing the wind, vanity, or grabbing the empty peanut. A hog won't even bite an empty peanut; THEY KNOW POPS.

Fun and pleasure is vanity; vv. 1-3. Millions appear unconscious, as they ride their jitterbug on into the abyss. Saints, watch today's pleasure; it may sting tomorrow. Pleasure is the most deceiving of all flatterers. (Flattery is a perfume that will do to smell, but not to swallow.) There is death in pleasure. "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." It is said that a lazy bee found some honey, and said to himself, "Oh goody; I won't have to work now, I can play and have a good time." But while playing he got his wings stuck, and there he died in pleasure. Pleasure is a pop, an empty hull.

Great works is vanity; vv. 4-6. All Solomon's pools, orchards, parks, mansions, etc., were like a beautiful apple with a worm in the core. Oh, it is deplorable to think of the many who have given their soul so they could say, "I own this house and lot." These are well in their place, but beware lest they put misery in your deathbed. Another hull!

Authority is vanity; vv. 7, 8. The queen of Sheba was bewildered at the order and rulership of Solomon, but it was like a soap bubble to burst and fade into oblivion. Oh, I wonder if we don't shame the angels sometimes with our craze for a little authority. God help us, if we have authority, to grow and not swell.

Riches is vanity; vv. 7, 8, ch. 5, 10. Love of money is the root of all evil, and the devil's best bait. It hides the barbed hook with promise of ease, eats and drinks for years, but don't bite lest you hear these words, "Thou fool." You can't break God's Word, but you can break yourself against it. Don't lose your soul in a spider's web—money.

Beauty is vanity; Prov. 31:30. Beauty may have fair leaves, but bitter fruit. Beauty without virtue is a curse. Beauty is only skin deep. It is something inflated, and very deceiving. Don't trust carnal beauty, "for it will consume away" (continued on page 14)

Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body, I have been badly afflicted for a long time; my mother and sister to be healed.—Mrs. Hermon Durst, Jennings, Md.

My wife to be healed; my mother, Mrs. Sallie Horn, to be healed, she is in a very serious condition in the Greenville hospital and not expected to live unless God undertakes. She has a bad case of pneumonia and asthma.—Mr. Horn, 720½ S. Poplar St., Greenville, Miss.

God to undertake for my son; my wife and me, we are in poor health.—John Helton, Rt. 1, Morehead, Ky.

The healing of my sister who is sick; my brother's little child to be healed.—Mrs. James Greene, Union, S. C.

God to heal my baby's body, his ear which is sore and running to be healed; my oldest child to be healed of asthma; the healing of my body.—Forest Lee Farmer, Pelzer, S. C.

My wife to be saved and healed of T. B. She is in the T. B. ward at the Western State Hospital.—H. M. Fowler, Dyersburg, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Martha Gentry, Tallapoosa, Ga.

My baby to be healed of something like the croup, he almost smothers at night; the healing of George Hastings of erysipelas.—Mrs. Leatha Hastings, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

The healing of my body, my nerves and a severe chest cold.—Eli E. Tennant, Riverside P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

Me to be completely healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. Loretta Hudson, Rt. 1, Cromwell, Ky.

The healing of my sick body.—Mrs. Mary Dyche, Kentwood, La.

The Lord to heal my afflicted body.—Edward Atchley, Rt. 3, Winfield, Ala.

The healing of my body. I had an accident three months ago and my leg was broken near the hip. The cast has not been taken off yet but my leg is getting very sore and I greatly fear that it is not knitting as it should. Please pray that it will be completely healed before the cast comes off.—L. M. Durham, Ages, Ky.

My mother who is sick to be healed, also that she and my father will be healed of severe colds; me to be healed of ulcers on my head.—Arlena Williams, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

God to heal my body. I had a goitre taken off my neck and it has left me with almost no voice; my husband and son.—Mrs. Annie True, Rt. 1, c/o Hugh Callaway, Loudon, Tenn.

My brother to be saved and healed of enlarged liver and other troubles.—Viva McCall, Marietta, S. C.

My brother-in-law to be saved and healed of T. B., he is not expected to live long and is unsaved. His address is Forest Keith, 189 Seminola Drive, Huntsville, Ala. My children and me to be healed of the measles.—Mrs. W. D. Keith, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

God to undertake in a special way for my home and me.—A brokenhearted wife, Rome, Ga.

The healing of my body of many ailments and that my faith may be increased.—Mrs. T. E. Mason, 205 N. Montpelier Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

I am a little boy thirteen years old. I am saved and sanctified and belong to the Church of God here at Pelham, Ga. I am asking you good people to pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Hubert Mark Goff, 107 Mill St., Pelham, Ga.

My father to be healed of asthma. Please don't pass this by.—h Walters, Robbinsville, N. C.

The healing of my body, my head and

my heart, but that is better, praise the Lord.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

The healing of my body, I am sick very much with asthma.—Edmond Ambrose, Rt. 2, Box 84, Norfolk, Va.

God to undertake for a very important request.—Lela Culpepper, Rt. 4, Bonifay, Fla.

The healing of a deaf man.—A friend, Natchez, Miss.

The complete healing of my body, I have a hurting in my back all the time and so much acid in my stomach it affects my heart, the Lord to increase my faith.—Mrs. J. T. Williams, 346 Bruce St., Mooresville, N. C.

Deaths

LOCKABY

Jerry Lee Lockaby, son of Ulas and Louise Lockaby, was born Jan. 9, 1942, and died Feb. 5, 1942; age twenty-seven days.—T. M. Basham, pastor, Lynch, Ky.

LEWIS

Opal (Prince) Lewis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Prince, departed this life Sept. 25, 1941; age twenty-six years, one month and fourteen days. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and He witnessed the night before she died.—Her sister, Mrs. Lillie Arrowood, 4002 Ocoee St., Cleveland, Tenn.

REED

Dave Reed, a member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus Jan. 18, 1942; age sixty-one years, five months and twenty-one days.—His daughter, Caroline Reed, Rt. 1, Grandview, Tenn.

KIMBLE

Mrs. Eliza Lugean Kimble, a faithful member of the Church of God here, departed this life Jan. 28, 1942; age seventy-four years.—Rev. O. D. Gipson, her friend, Alabama City, Ala.

HICKS

Little Herbert Hicks, our darling seven-year-old nephew, went to be with Jesus June 12, 1941. He trusted the Lord until the end. He loved church and Sunday school and paid his tithes.—His aunt, Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

CLONTZ

Sister Elsie Clontz, a faithful member of the Church of God for years, de-

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REPORTS

Langley, S. C., District Convention

The district convention for the Langley, S. C., district convened Jan. 30-Feb. 1. The presence of the Lord was with us from the very beginning. Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer, gave a wonderful message on "The Pursuit of Evil" on Friday night.

Saturday morning there were two good sermons, "What Is the Biggest Church Hindrance of the Day?" by Brother Carlton Timmerman and "When Religion Is a Failure" by Brother J. E. Faile.

Saturday evening we were favored with two more soul-stirring messages, "When Religion Is a Success" by Brother P. E. Croxton and "Peace in the Time of Storm" by Brother J. B. Camp. We were made to realize what peace in the time of storm means to us. Thank God for all His great blessings.

Sunday morning it seemed we reached the climax. God was with us in a very special way. We had a praise service conducted by Sister Exelma Holley and truly we had something to praise God for. Brother J. B. Camp brought us another wonderful sermon on "Who Is My Neighbor?" We were made to know and see more than ever who our neighbor is. God moved on everyone present and we were made to weep. The mission offering followed and without any asking whatsoever there was \$87.75 given while we all continued to weep. There was a heavenly atmosphere all around. It was so sacred we were afraid to move for fear we would move against the Spirit. God was there; He was truly in our midst. We can never praise Him enough for His wonderful blessings.

Sunday afternoon we came back for more of God's rich blessings. We were not satisfied with the mission offering and wanted to make it over a hundred dollars and in just a very few minutes we had our desire. There is no limit to what God can do if we will only yield ourselves into His hands. The special singing was good all through the convention. We had specials by the Langley Quartet, Camp family, Osbon Trio, Warrenville Trio and Sunday afternoon we were favored with the Augusta, Ga., Ladies Quartet and Sister Mary Mitchell Dedge. Our souls feasted on God's message to us in song. We left feeling more like working harder than ever for God and His cause. — Beulah E. Osbon, Aiken, S. C.

NINETY SIX, S. C.—We thank and

praise God for the Church of God at Ninety Six, S. C. We give our blessed Lord the glory and praise. Since the Assembly there has been a great revival spirit; there have been three revivals with good success. The tithes have increased from \$11.00 to \$40.00. There have been fifty saved, forty-five sanctified and twenty filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have a band of faithful and loyal members. The L. W. W. B. is doing fine raising money, and the Y. P. E. is increasing. The Sunday school is doing nicely. The membership has gone from twenty-nine to forty-nine. There is from seventy-five to one hundred dollars being paid each month on our church.

Most of all we thank God for our good pastor, Brother N. A. Jordan, and his good wife. He is on fire for God and preaches under the power of the Holy Ghost.

Pray for us at Ninety Six, S. C., that we will stay humble before God till He comes or calls.—Mrs. Annie Young, 375 Andrew St., Greenwood, S. C.

BUSH, La.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise my dear Savior this beautiful morning for His love and mercy toward all His people. I am glad to report that our Y. P. E. is still progressing. We had a very interesting and encouraging program for Christmas, also a Christmas tree and a well-prepared Christmas box for our pastor and family. They are proving a blessing to the church.

We had a number of visitors from the neighborhood churches, also one of our former pastors, Brother F. M. Fitzgerald, and wife. We enjoyed a short message from our district pastor, Brother J. D. Carter. His talk was up to the minute, that Christ was the greatest of all gifts. I am sure, as we celebrated this Christmas, we realized more the great need of being faithful to our dear Lord and His Church.

Pray for us at Sharps Chapel.—Mrs. R. M. Sharpe, president of Y. P. E.

Report of Mobile, Ala., District S. and Y. P. E. Convention

I praise my blessed Redeemer for His goodness, love and mercy to me. "God commendeth his love to us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us," Rom. 5:8.

The Mobile, Ala., Y. P. E. and Sunday school

Rev. H. T. Statum, our state Y. P. E. superintendent, was in charge. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the entire convention. All those who were on the program were at their best. Sister W. E. Wright was the first speaker. Other speakers were Brothers L. J. Potts, E. H. Thomas, Foster Dismukes, C. E. Richard, district pastor, and H. T. Statum, state superintendent. Special music and singing rendered by Sister Statum and Sister Murphy was enjoyed by all.

Sunday was a high day in Zion. Many were made to feel the need of foreign missions more than ever. The special mission offering was taken which amounted to \$102.00. Money brought in for the orphanage was \$20.40 and for state missions was \$20.40. The special orphanage offering was \$19.50. We also gave Brother Statum a nice love offering of \$25.25.

The convention closed with the altar filled with hungry hearts seeking God.—Mrs. C. E. Richard, 52 5th Ave., Prichard, Ala.

CATEECHIEE, S. C.—Brother Claude Massey, of Liberty, S. C., started a mission at Cateechee in June. We want all the Christians who read this to pray for us, that we might get a church at this place. We have had some good old gospel meetings there already, and hope for more.—Deles W. Boren.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Dear Editor and Readers of the Evangel, I thought this might be of interest to you. I came here to Muncie, Ind., and took the pastorate of the Church of God when it was struggling for life. We have only eight active members and all are women but one. Our beloved state overseer placed me in charge here. Now we have rented a nice church building, all seated and with a piano, ready for service. We are all working together in harmony and we expect to see the work grow in every department. We have a Sunday school and a Willing Workers' Band and we will soon have a Y. P. E. Rev. H. R. Corley, state overseer, was with us last week and was well pleased the way things were going. Although our church is poor, they promised Brother Corley as much as five subscriptions to the Evangel and we have four already coming now.

We are expecting to start a revival soon, so we desire the prayers of all you saints.—Rev. Grant Dunning, pastor, 119 E. 7th St.

PORTLAND, Maine.—On Feb. 2, 1942, our fellowship meeting was held in the Church of God, 227 Federal St. In the morning service the different departments of our church activities were

discussed. This was conducted by our state overseer, Brother Brinsfield. The evening service was conducted by Brother Tull. A message was given and interpretation was, "Jesus is coming soon."

After the evening service the ministers and their wives were invited to the state parsonage to celebrate the tenth wedding anniversary of Brother and Sister Brinsfield. Refreshments were served and gifts of appreciation were given to our state overseer and his wife.

We, the people of New England, appreciate the work of these good people whom the Lord sent to us.—Lida B. Ricker.

Double Springs, Ala., Y. P. E. and Sunday School District Convention

The Double Springs, Ala., district Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention convened Jan. 24, 25, at Pine Grove church, with Brother Statum, our state superintendent, in charge. The Lord surely blessed from the first service. Every speaker did his best; the power fell and the saints were made to rejoice. Brother Sandlin did the preaching on Saturday night. We had some good special singing by the Spear family and two other brothers. There were four saved and the altar was full every night, the seekers crying and praying out to God. On Saturday night a collection was taken for the orphans which amounted to \$10.13. Sunday morning our offering for missions was \$20.53.

Pray that we will stay right in the center of God's will at Pine Grove and that the Lord will greatly bless.—Pastor and wife, W. G. and Martha Pearson.

ROSWELL, Ga.—Brother Watson and coworkers came to Roswell in August and held a street meeting. They came back and ran a revival meeting and set a church in order September 1, 1941, with sixteen members. The Lord has wonderfully blessed. The church is going on with Brother Watson as our pastor and Sister Watson as our assistant pastor. Brother Watson, by the help of God, is putting up a \$3,000 church and in about three weeks we will be able to have services in it. We want to be one hundred per cent for God and have every home with an Evangel in it. We are looking to God by faith for it all, and that He may be glorified in it and many souls will find Jesus. We are praying, trusting, struggling and looking up by faith, believing tomorrow will bring us joy and song.

We people here are so glad and thankful to our Father that we can have a Church of God in our town. That is what we have been praying for for eleven years and God has made it real and given it to us. Praise His name. He is so real to me. Remember us when you pray.—Rev. J. L. Helms.

First Works Done Over

SEARLES, Ala.—We are happy to report that the church has again been set in order in Searles. Rev. H. L. Chesser, state overseer, and Rev. W. J. Shumaker, district overseer, came Friday night, Feb. 6, and established the church. We have nine members and are expecting others to come in later.

We praise God for the Church of God, a Church which is founded on the Truth, one that is still marching to victory and we know that by God's help and divine grace it is going to win the battle.

We have already organized a Sunday school and are planning to organize a Y. P. E. and a Willing Workers' Band a little later. God is blessing in a wonderful way and we feel that He is going to keep blessing if we stay humble at the foot of the cross.

We earnestly desire your prayers that we might do a wonderful work here for the Lord.—Rev. Richard W. Turner, pastor; Sister R. W. Turner, clerk.

Y. P. E. a Winner

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C. — We truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here. Since September 24 we have had a new pastor, Brother T. J. Looney. Surely we have gained in our church.

We won both Y. P. E. and Sunday school district banners for November and the Y. P. E. banner for December. We surely have a good Y. P. E. Our pastor believes in working to build up the church. Our church was in need of repair when he came and he went to work and now the church looks like a new one, both inside and out. We surely appreciate him and his wife. They have been a great blessing to the work here.—Pearl McMurray, clerk, 517 Pace St.

CARROLLTON, Ga.—Dear Evangel Readers, I am glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the good Holy Ghost and have been a member of the Church of God thirteen years. I trust the Lord for both soul and body and thank each one who prayed for us in November and sent me an anointed cloth. The Lord wonderfully healed my body. I have not had another touch of that trouble.

Keep praying for us here. The Lord is surely blessing. We are starting a revival Feb. 15 with Rev. Hoyt Odum doing the preaching and are expecting the Lord to do great things for us. Pray that He will strengthen us here and continue to make a way and save lost souls.—Bertha O'Kelley, Box 303.

Tampa Is Still Progressing

TAMPA, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the blessed assurance we have in serving Him. It is a pleasure for me to go to school. I know

nothing else; I praise God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belonging to the Church of God. I have had the blessing only about four years but I have attended the Church of God all my life.

I praise God for a group of young people who believe and enjoy serving God. When they are called on to sing or recite they are ready to fill their place.

Saints of God, do pray for our young people all over the universe that they will be drawn near to God and keep the victory. We have three very large army camps in Tampa. We have boys attending service from all camps. Pray for us.—William F. Gillette, Rt. 3, Box 324.

A Good District

The Coffeyville, Kansas, district Y. P. E. and Sunday school rally was held Sunday, January 25, in the new church at Shetopa. The Lord surely blessed. We enjoyed a grand time with a large attendance. Every Y. P. E. and Sunday school was well represented except one. Other good people visited from other churches.

The speakers on the program were Brother Beryl York, Brother Buford Alford, Brother Henry, state overseer, Brother Sharp.

Brother Alford, district pastor, raised an offering for the orphanage which amounted to \$5.00 and a payment on the new church of \$10.35. We truly thank God for all His blessings. We believe we have one of the best districts in the whole state. Pray for the young people and Sunday schools in this district, that we will do more for the Lord this year than ever before.—Anna Volk, district superintendent, 1705 Spruce St., R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans.

Fellowship Meeting

ROBERT, La.—The Lord has so wonderfully blessed. I feel that I ought to let the Evangel family know how the Lord is still blessing here.

We had our district fellowship meeting for January at Robert's Chapel. The entire district, which consists of Bedico, Walker, Hammond and Robert, was represented. Great cooperation has been shown in this district. We put the Evangel drive over for the district and our mission offering was \$20. Thank the Lord, Brother Hemphill has proved a faithful pastor and district overseer. Please pray for our district.

We are now in a revival at Bedico where Brother George Hemphill is also pastor. Brother Lott, of North Louisiana, started it Friday. The Lord has wonderfully blessed with two receiving the Holy Ghost and many in the altar seeking God.—Juanita Morse, clerk of Robert's Chapel.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Marvelously Healed

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—I praise God for what He has done for me. In July I became very weak and had a nervous breakdown. I had to be in bed most of the time for weeks. I gave my heart to Jesus when I was about twelve years of age and am now twenty-one. While going to school I lived as good as I could and as I grew older I tried to serve the Lord better and be an example to others. Although I made mistakes along the way, I was so willing to correct and ask forgiveness.

While suffering that awful nervousness the devil put into my mind that I was lost and made me think I had even sinned against the Holy Ghost. I would cry and wring my hands and mother would want to know why I thought I was lost. She would say, "Darling, I know you have been a sweet Christian girl," she couldn't see any reason for me to think that. She would pray day and night for God to remove that thought from my mind. Oh, how I thank God for a sweet praying mother and every one of God's children who offered a prayer in my behalf. Hundreds of people prayed for me while in this condition. Mother would write to the Church of God at different places and ask prayer for me. Our good pastor, Brother A. V. Childers, and wife and many of the good saints here in Kannapolis would gather and pray for me and my, how God would bless them, but I didn't feel any better, darkness was all I could see.

This went on until the morning of October 19. After kneeling in prayer I said, "Mother, I feel different to what I have in a long time." We began to praise the Lord. That very day that thought left me and I felt the joy of heaven flooding my soul. I went to church that night and testified to what God had done for me. The power of the Lord came down in a wonderful way and I have been happy in my soul ever since.

Oh, how I praise Him for delivering me and for the sweet Holy Ghost that abides just now. We don't know just why we have to suffer many things in this life, but thank the Lord, we will understand it better by and by. May God bless every one who reads this. Pray that I will stay true and humble and be a soul-winner for Jesus.—Darley Pethel, Rt. 3, Box 67.

RIPLEY, Ohio.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. God has been so good

to us in spite of the enemy. My little boy was very sick. We believe he had pneumonia. His lips looked parched he had such a fever. About one o'clock in the morning I told my mother he was very bad. She got up and prayed and placed the Evangel under his head and in a few minutes the fever left him and he slept well the rest of the night and got up next morning feeling as good as ever.

But in a few days he took sick again and was very sick with a fever. We prayed for him. My mother laid hands on him and anointed him according to the Word. His father who had gone to the store came back to find the child was playing, healed. Praise God!

My mother has had rheumatism for several years. She had a stiff knee until she could hardly bend it. My mother was healed a night or two ago of pleurisy. We praise God for these healings for we know it was by the power of God. We live so far from church and get so hungry to attend a good service. I am a member of the Church of God at Cincinnati. We surely have a band of good saints there and I appreciate them all and they have been so nice to us.

Pray for me as I need a deeper experience.—Mrs. Ethel Smith, Rt. 2.

Healing Power of God Manifested In Home

GRAYSON, La.—I praise God for His great healing power that was manifested in my home last week. My little boy fell off the bed on Sunday and on Monday he took a high fever and couldn't turn or be turned in bed. We sat up with him two nights but God touched his body Wednesday morning about two o'clock and he wanted to get up. I took him up but his neck is still sore and the bruise is coming to a head on the outside. Pray that he will be completely healed of the soreness. I also have two very urgent unspoken requests. Please pray and fast for them if led.—Mrs. Ernie O. Harrelson, Rt. 1, Box 88.

SUMMIT, Ga.—Dear Saints, I praise my blessed Redeemer for His mighty power. I had something wrong with my right knee and promised the Lord I would testify through the Evangel if He would heal it. Praise the Lord, the work is done.—Mrs. Suda Thompson, Rt. 2.

God Will Supply

SPRING HILL, W. Va. — I really praise my blessed Redeemer for what He is to me. He is so precious in these last days. The blessed promises He left us are being fulfilled.

We read in His Word where it says our God shall supply all your needs. Praise God, this and many other promises has God fulfilled in our home of late. Husband got his back broken the 18th of last March and God has been so wonderful to me in this trying hour. I don't know whether he will ever be able to work again, but this I know, God will supply our needs. It is so wonderful to serve a God who can and will supply our needs. The 19th of last August God saw fit to take one of our little boys home to glory and, oh, what a comfort Jesus was to me in that trying hour. Our loss is heaven's gain. Some of these days I'm going to bid this old world farewell and go to live with my blessed Savior and our sweet little Donald. I know we are living in trying times, but I hear another promise ringing in my ears, "You'll not be tempted above that ye are able to bear." Praise God. Brother, Sister, when the old devil comes to us, if we will just look up to Jesus and whisper, O God, help me, and have faith to believe it, God surely will answer. He said He would and I know it's so. Although I don't get to go to church much and don't get the Evangel to read the good messages in it, praise God, I wouldn't exchange what I have in my heart for all this world has to offer. To those who are being tried hard, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. Ring on the prayer bells of heaven for God will answer your prayer. I get so hungry to go to church and Sunday school I just cry, then just begin to look up and I hear these words, "Life will be sweeter some day." Oh, what a consolation. Some of these days, and I'm persuaded to believe it won't be long, life will be sweeter.—Mrs. J. L. Criner, R. F. D. 1.

TWILA, Ky.—I am ten years old and I got saved in Brother Mills' revival last summer. I want everybody to pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for me to make a soul winner for the Lord.—Birdie Tipton.

COLUMBUS, Ga.—I thank God for the happy privilege of having the Evangel in our home. My husband and I both

have salvation, for which we truly thank and praise God for. We like to read the Evangel for it encourages us to go on with the Lord.

We thank God for our pastor, Brother Joe McCoy, and for healing his body. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless him and his family and strengthen his body. Pray for the church here.—Mrs. Raymond Hitchcock.

Praise God For What He Has Done For Me

GRAHAM, Tex.—It has been a good while since I have written and asked prayer for my baby. After writing to the Evangel the devil tried to make me doubt and my baby had two spells, but just in a few days we went to the mail box and received a card from Brother B. R. Huguen. We did just what the card said and the little girl is healed today. She is two years old and had fits ever since she was five months old until God healed her, and she might have had them all the rest of her life if we hadn't trusted God for her healing. Truly I am thanking God for what He has done in our home and for keeping us each and every day. Well, I just have so much to praise God for until I don't know where to stop.—Marie Davis Finis.

HAMPTON, S. C.—I praise God for the wonderful way of salvation. I praise Him because He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because I know He can and will pick up the vilest sinner and place his feet on higher ground. I praise Him for healing my body, which He has done many times.

We had a wonderful time at the little church of Huggin Oak and God blessed our souls. Brother Lane surely did some good preaching. We love Brother Lane and his family and we thank God that we have him back with us as pastor. He has surely preached many soul-stirring messages and surely we all see the need of taking advantage of every opportunity to work for God in these days of trying times.

Praise His good name! I want every praying person to pray for the upbuilding of our little church at Huggin Oak and that there will be many souls saved this year.—Sister Ruth Heape.

ANNISTON, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I promised Him if He would heal me I would testify through the Evangel. Praise His name! The Lord is my healer. Everyone pray for me to stand true and faithful.—Mrs. Herman Crabtree, 301 W. 15th St.

The man who knows how to keep
place will always have one

Weekly Question Box

Question: Please answer two questions in your Question Box for me. First, 1 Peter 5:10, does this mean that after we suffer for a while in this present world He will make us perfect in this present life or in the life to come, and does anyone live perfect in this world? Second, does the battle of Armageddon in Rev. 16:16 take place about the time of the rapture of the saints, and in Rev. 20:8 does it mean the same battle or are they two different battles and when does the battle of Gog and Magog take place? I hope I have asked these so you will understand.—C. C. B.

Answer to question No. 1: The scripture referred to in 1 Peter 5:10 gives the means, the work, and the result of salvation. The Syriac Version reads, "Now it is the God of grace, who hath called us to his eternal glory by Jesus the Messiah, that has given us, while we sustain these light afflictions, to be strengthened, and confirmed, and established by him for ever." Since grace brings salvation here in this life, its work must be here and if its work is here the result will also be here. When we speak of perfection we mean perfection only as far as being a perfect child of God is concerned. There is a perfection which belongs to God alone. God is perfect in power, perfect in wisdom, and perfect in His presence; that is, present everywhere at the same time. We cannot claim any of these perfections. Paul said in Phil. 3:12, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after," etc. This plainly signifies that there was a perfection to which Paul had not attained but in verse 15 of the same chapter he says, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." These scriptures set forth very plainly that Paul was not perfected in everything but that not only he but those to whom he was writing had attained a perfection and that perfection, of course, is attained in this life. Referring again to the text, it is clearly set forth that we are made perfect through suffering. 2 Cor. 12:9, "My strength is made perfect in weakness," or, in other words, through afflictions. And it was Paul who said in 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Peter referred to affliction as the trial of faith

1 Peter 1:7, "That the trial
much more precious
heth, though it be

tried with fire, might be found unto you praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." By these and many other scriptures it is clearly shown that the preparation must take place here in this life.

Answer to question No. 2: The battle of Armageddon is so named from the place where it is to be fought. It is this battle that is described in Rev. 16:16 and will be fought just prior to the setting up of the kingdom of God upon the earth. It will be the last of the Gentile world kingdoms, and, as is described in Revelation 19, will climax with the coming of the Son of God (the Word of God) from heaven, with the King of kings and Lord of Lords written upon His thigh and the saints of heaven following, all these making war against the beast and his armies, in which the beast is to be taken. This is the climax of the battle of Armageddon. A description of this battle is also given by the Prophet Ezekiel in chapters 38 and 39. The Church will not be present upon earth during the time of the great tribulation. To be sure, the Church has suffered tribulation and will, in many places, suffer tribulation prior to the time of the rapture, as they have in different totalitarian countries recently, but they will escape the great tribulation. In God's message to the Philadelphian church, Rev. 3:10, He said, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." The battle of Gog and Magog, described in the 20th chapter of Revelation, is entirely a different battle to the battle of Armageddon. The battle of Armageddon precedes the thousand-year reign of Christ as is plainly shown by its setting in the book of Revelation. The last great battle, when Gog and Magog are gathered together to battle against the saints, is staged after the devil is loosed from his thousand-year bondage, as is plainly described in the 20th chapter of Revelation. Verse 2 reads, "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." The 7th and 8th verses say, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

Love can always find something to do.

Deaths

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parted this life Nov. 1, 1941; age fifty-nine years.—Her pastor, Morris Wiggins, Valdese, N. C.

Delkograms

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like a moth." See Psa. 39:11. The Bible is the best looking glass; you can see the pimples on your soul in it. Everything between the cradle and the grave is uncertain. Therefore be sure to take God's Word. It liveth and abideth forever.

Mission Page

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progress in the work of the Lord. Dear ones, pray for us.—J. B. Winter, overseer.

Letter From Egypt

Dear Brother Ingram:

Greetings in Jesus' name from the ancient land of the Pharaohs. I am in receipt of your encouraging letter. Things look so serious today and we need to lean harder than ever upon our Lord's strong arm. Mankind has never been in this position before. The only meaning of all this is the soon coming of our Savior. Therefore, we must do our best to give out the gospel in every place. Egypt is a needy country and I am willing to put my hand in yours to help God's cause in this land. By the grace of God, I will send you in the near future the photo of my church. Other churches are in harmony with me. They are ready to work with you also. I will move to Minya City when the Lord opens the way. Minya is a central place and from there I can visit the different places. Can you send me a credential, please? May God help us all. We need your fervent prayers. My family and all the saints send their greetings.—Yours in His service, Batros Labib.

L. W. W. B. in Canada

CONSUL, Sask., Can.—The ladies of the Church of God at Consul, Sask., Canada, organized a Willing Workers' Band on September 18, 1941. Owing to distances between members' homes we decided to hold meetings only every two weeks. Since organizing we have made two wool quilts, one layette and small children's clothing, purchased wool and knit scarfs and mitts, hooked a rug and made up Christmas boxes. The above articles have been distributed among families in the community and overseas. The average attendance at meetings is twelve. Funds are raised by offerings and sale of work to others.—Mrs. O. M. Glagan, secretary.

We receive things by faith, but they are disbursed by love.

Editorially Speaking

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dead and that had Christendom humbled themselves and accepted the outpouring of the Spirit, there would have been much greater results than in any of the former ones.

Whatever the cause for many Protestant churches now laying emphasis on the need of evangelism, it is certainly encouraging that they have changed their course and began to look forward to that which is the great need of our country. The term "evangelism" defined as spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, is a necessary term in the progress of the Church, just as necessary as it was in Finney's and Moody's day. Without the spirit of evangelism the spirit of Christianity becomes dead, the church becomes lifeless, and fails to be a spiritual influence, dwindling into only a social or civic order in the community.

Assistant General Overseer Visits With Duke of Windsor

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Church of God, and though beginning to age decided that he must spend more of his life in furthering the new organization in which he had taken membership. He and his wife broke up housekeeping, sold their cows, hogs, and chickens, and put all they had into a trip to the Bahama Islands. With them on this trip were Miss Flora Bowers, who later became the wife of H. L. Trim, and Rev. C. M. Padgett, who later became an overseer of the Bahamas. From this beginning the Church has had a steady progress. There have been some setbacks but these have been overcome and the work as a whole has been more thoroughly rooted and grounded in the faith than before they came.

At present the Bahama Islands have thirty-six churches. Several of these are at Nassau or on New Providence Island where the capital is located. But the Islands are quite well represented. According to Brother Paulk, Brother W. E. Raney, the present overseer of the Bahamas, is doing a wonderful work. He feels that conditions there are far better than they have been heretofore and that the growth and progress of the church in the future will be phenomenal.

Most all of the general officials have at some time or other visited the Bahama Islands and it is always encouraging to the natives to have them. They were highly elated over the visit of the Second Assistant General Overseer at this year's convention and it is expected that his fiery messages will live with them for many years.

Wonderful Revivals

BRECKENRIDGE
derful two weeks'

with Brother F. C. Dozier doing the preaching. It was a success; the Holy Ghost would take charge at times and the presence of the Lord was in the first service and continued with us throughout the meeting. Nine were saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, for which we thank and praise the Lord. Among this number were two licensed preachers, formerly of the Assembly.

Please pray for us out here, that the Lord will continue to bless and save souls and many may see the light on the Church of God. Pray that He will make a way for me to get a car so I can get out among our people.—Hazy A. Williams, 507 W. 3rd St.

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—We just closed a good revival at Brunswick Church of God which ran Jan. 15-Feb. 8. Sister Margaret Jacobs and Sister Southerland, of Rome, Ga., were in charge. Sister Jacobs did the preaching.

Twenty-seven were saved, fourteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and eighteen added to the church. The church was greatly revived. Brother Solomon Scalf, our pastor, is doing a good work here. The church and those on the outside seem to be cooperating. Our church at Brunswick is making wonderful progress. Of course, it will be the leading church on the Jesup district by the General Assembly. Brunswick may have had the black eye in the past, but she has been treated for that complaint and I think she will be immune from that trouble from now on. Yes, we enjoyed Sister Jacob's sermons so much. She is a real preacher.—W. L. Summer, clerk, 2900 Wolf St.

Saints Cooperating

MULGA, Ala.—I praise God for the Holy Ghost and my place in the Church of God. I praise Him for every blessing. Glory! I feel like traveling on.

I praise God for a good pastor like Brother Kyle Adams. We are enjoying a wonderful Sunday school at Docena, of which I am superintendent. The good saints are really cooperating and we are improving while the enemy is failing. Praise the Lord for the privilege to plant the Word of God in the children's hearts.

If you want to see a good band of saints, come to Docena, Ala. Oh, how pleasant it is to be with God's people. Get me on your hearts and prayer list. I want to be loyal and a blessing to others.—Luther Connell.

"I am glad," says one man, "that it is worse." "I am sorry," says another, "better."

CH OF GOD EVANGEL

REVIVALS OF INTEREST

S. LINDALE, Ga.—We are indeed grateful to the Lord for the wonderful revival He blessed our church with. Brother and Sister A. M. Phillips, of Pratt City, Ala., conducted the revival, in which souls were blessed with definite experiences at each service. We truly praise God for sending them our way. We learned to love them very much; they are truly laborers together with God.

Ten were filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church, others saved and sanctified. Praise the Lord. There seems to be a revival spirit still lingering with us. We had a wonderful, wonderful service last night. It seemed as if heaven had descended, for which we are very thankful. We do not have words to express our praises to God. "Hallelujah" isn't enough. We thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. T. Durden. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—Sister Lillie Smith.

A good two weeks' revival just closed at the Carbon Hill Church of God. My two sisters and I (known as the Goodman Trio) stayed in Brother and Sister W. E. Crider's home. We certainly enjoyed being with them; they treated us wonderful and were just like a mother and father to us. We hated to leave them, but we must travel on.

Ten were sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. I suppose there were five or six hundred people there the second Sunday night. The people were so kind as to give us a shower and we got enough clothes to do us a long time, also gave us \$55 and me a new suit. We thank and praise God for the church at Carbon Hill. Pray for us.—Howard Goodman, Kimberly, Ala.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—We want to report our revival which recently closed. For a number of years now, older members who "look for the old waymarks," have had a hunger to see one of the old time, Holy Ghost revivals like we hear so much about, and which they have experienced in years gone by. Well, at last, Huntington has had just such a revival! Rev. "Bill" Ross, of East Lynn, W. Va., and his good wife were the evangelists, and through their efforts, backed by the Word of God, our souls were made to overflow with joy at each service because of the goodness of the Lord. Souls prayed through to regeneration, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and there just seemed

be nothing lacking, in a spiritual way, to satisfy the longing of the hungriest soul. And, one of the "high spots," I might say, of the revival was the direct answer to prayer of so many of our people with respect to a straying brother-preacher, Brother Charlie Bledsoe, who had once had a mighty influence for the Lord. This brother fell in at the altar one night under the influence of a wonderful message given by Brother Ross on the subject, "I Will Go," and renewed his covenant with God, going on through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I feel that only eternity can tell the great good that will come from the return of this brother, who can, and is qualified to do so much good for lost humanity. Please remember him especially in prayer. We started our revival on New Year's night, and closed on January 25, with a great baptismal service in the Ohio River in the afternoon, and a wonderful communion service on the closing night. Even the finances in this meeting came in in the good old-fashioned way. People gave just for the "joy of giving." We are truly grateful for all the Lord has done for us.—Mrs. Lindsay Davis, clerk.

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Sunday night, Feb. 1, brought to a close one of the best revivals held here for years. The revival continued three weeks with Brother Smeltzer, evangelist of Cookeville, Tex., bringing many stirring evangelistic messages, intermingled with Bible prophecy and other latter day events.

Soon after taking this pastorate last September, seeing the need of souls being saved at this church, our hearts became burdened and we began to stir the saints to pray for souls. Saints began to pray, some fasting for a revival. The first one was good but we were not satisfied so we continued to pray for souls. Some were blessed in the regular services; conviction was strong on Sunday nights and the crowds were good, for which we were thankful; but we continued praying and expecting a revival. Unexpectedly Brother Smeltzer came along and we secured his valuable services. God blessed his efforts, saw our tears, and answered our prayers. About twenty-three souls were definitely blessed, some being saved, some sanctified and some filled with the Holy Ghost. About twelve of this number prayed through the last night of the revival.

Sister Smeltzer proved a great blessing with her songs and guitar. We especially enjoyed "I'm On the Battlefield for My Lord." Truly she is a good worker and the Lord is at heart. He is doing a great job as fore-

man while here and desired rather to win souls. May God give them many souls and ever supply their needs.

The good music was a great asset to the revival. Mary Ruth Haworth with accordion, Brother Baker with steel guitar, Sister Smith with guitar and drums, and others helped. Brother Haworth, of Dallas, Sister Bloomingdale's father, assisted some with the banjo.

Since the revival souls are still going to the altar seeking God and three were added to the church last Sunday night. We like our work here fine and have found some good faithful saints. Our Y. P. E. is growing, our Willing Workers are working faithfully and we are striving for a higher goal in Sunday school. May the Lord help us to keep the vision of souls and "work for the night is coming."—Rev. and Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale, 706 N. W. 12th St.

LAKE THONOTOSASSA, Fla.—We have been in a revival here four weeks. The meeting is conducted by Evangelist Pauline Roach, of North Georgia. The Lord has wonderfully blessed throughout the meeting. Fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church, for which we praise the Lord.

There were some great miracles performed in healing. A number of people were instantly healed, especially one woman who had been blind in one eye for seven years from a stroke of paralysis. Her eye was healed and she has been seeing ever since. In several services the Holy Ghost led and we didn't have any preaching. We surely praise the Lord for the way He has blessed the whole church. We were revived and all shouted the victory. Pray for us at Thonotosassa.

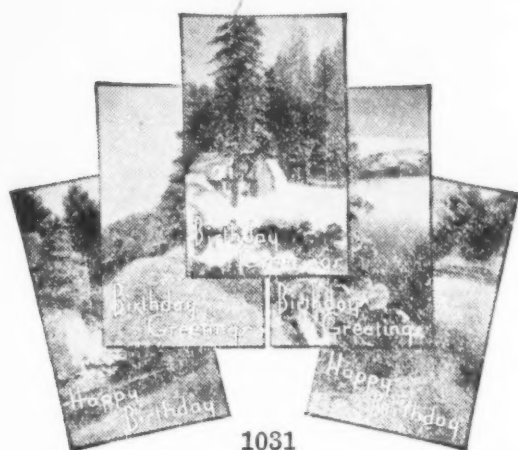
We have a good Sunday school and Y. P. E., also a good L. W. W. B. We really have some good willing workers, for which we thank the Lord.

We had home-coming day February 8, with dinner on the ground. We surely had a good day. Monday night, February 9, we had fellowship meeting. The Lord blessed. The last night of the revival the Lord blessed; four men were in the altar. One was a Baptist minister. Pray for him to receive the Holy Ghost. We are serving a great God and He is able to do great things if we only trust Him and do His will.

I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy and for the way He keeps that which is committed in His hands.—Mrs. Roxie Broswell, Gen. Del., Tampa, Fla.

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